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SUBJECT: GOC DEPRIVES ORLANDO LETELIER DEL SOLAR OF NATIONALITY

REF: SANTIAGO 8074

Chile Project (#S199900030)  
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1. THE "DIARIO OFICIAL" ON SEPTEMBER 10 PUBLISHED SUPREME DECREE NO. 588, DEPRIVING CHILE'S EX-AMBASSADOR TO THE U.S. AND FOREIGN MINISTER UNDER THE UP ORLANDO LETELIER DEL SOLAR OF HIS CHILEAN NATIONALITY. CONSISTENT WITH HPE PROCEDURE OUTLINED IN DECREE LAW 1301 OF JANUARY 7, 1976, S.D. 588 CARRIED THE SIGNATURE S OF PRESIDENT PINOCHET AND ALL HIS CABINET MINISTERS.

2. S.D. 588 ACCUSED LETELIER OF CARRYING ON A PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN WHICH SOUGHT THE "POLITICAL, ECONOMIC AND CULTURAL ISOLATION OF CHILE." THE SUPREME DECREE SPECIFICALLY ASSERTED THAT LETELIER HAD "INCITED DUTCH DOCKWORKERS AND TEAMSTERS INTO DECLARING A BOYCOTT OF GOODS GOING TO AND COMING FROM CHILE AND INDUCED THE (DUTCH) GOVERNMENT TO IMPEDE DUTCH CAPITAL INVESTMENT IN CHILE." (COMMENT: RADIO MOSCOW ON AUGUST 28 GAVE PROMINENT PLAY TO THE RECENT DECISION BY THE DUTCH "STEVENS" FIRM TO CANCEL A 62 MILLION DOLLAR INVESTMENT PROJECT IN CHILE.)

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE FOURTH CASE WE HAVE RECORDED OF THE CURRENT GOC DEPRIVING A CITIZEN OF HIS CHILEAN NATIONALITY. (OUR REFTTEL UNCLASSIFIED

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OVERLOOKED THE CASE OF RADICAL LEADER ANSELMO SULE CANDIA, WHOSE NATIONALITY WAS REMOVED ON JULY 10, 1975. OTHERS ARE HERNAN URIBE ORTEGA (SEPTEMBER 6, 1974) AND HUGO VIGORENA RAMIREZ (REFTTEL). LETELIER IS BY FAR THE MOST WIDELY KNOWN OF THE FOUR, AND HE IS GENERALLY CONSIDERED A RELATIVELY MODERATE SOCIALIST. POPPER

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